

- (d) if so, the total number of schools likely to be required; and
- (e) the number of total secondary schools in the country till December, 2000?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) A Conference was organised by NIEPA in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resource Development from February 14-16, 2001 in New Delhi. The perspective of Development of Secondary Education till 2020 was one of the major themes of this conference.

The participating secretaries and state officials were urged to develop state specific projections and plans for universalisation of secondary education.

(e) As per Selected Educational Statistics 1998-99, the number of High/Post Basic Schools/Higher Secondary Schools/Pre-Degree junior colleges in the country is 112438.

Committees on reforms in education system

†4638. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a need to make reforms in the education system of the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that a number of Committees had been constituted during the last decade for receiving suggestions in this regard;
- (c) if so, which Committees were constituted and when; and
- (d) the details of recommendations implemented and the Committee making those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) Reforms in the education system of the country is a continuous process which is achieved through constant upgradation/innovation. Towards this

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endeavour, a number of Committees/Commissions etc., in different sectors of education, are constituted from time to time. The Committees constituted during the last decade (1990—99) include — Learning without Burden — Yash Pal Committee; Committee on Training of University & College Administrators; Teachers Representation in Legislative Councils; Committee to review the management of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Committee on Sports & Physical Education; CABE Committee on Distance Education; Task Force for remodeling Boards of School Education for bringing about qualitative improvement in Secondary Education; National Elementary Education Mission; Committee of State Education Ministers on implications of the proposal to make elementary education a fundamental right; National Committee of State Education Ministers to develop the structure and outlines of implementing Universal Elementary Education in a Mission Mode; etc. Recommendations of these Committees etc. are generally implemented within the broad framework of the National Policy on Education, 1986 and Programme of Action, 1992. Further, as per the provisions of the National Policy on Education 1986, implementation of the various parameters of the new policy must be reviewed every five years and appraisals at short intervals will also be made to ascertain the progress of implementation and the trends emerging from time to time.

Concern over report of task force on HRD on IT

†4639. DR. D. MASTHAN:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain concerns have been expressed in the interim report of task force constituted with regard to Human Resource Development in Information Technology;

(b) whether it is also a fact that apprehensions with regard to

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